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SUBJ: EXPRESSO STORY ON ITALIAN EMBASSY REPORT ON PORTUGAL

1. NOV 16 ISSUE OF WEEKLY "EXPRESSO" CARRIED FRONT PAGE NEWS ITEM CONCERNING STORY IN NOV 13 ISSUE OF (ITALIAN) WEEKLY "IL MONDO" ON GLOOMY REPORT BY ITALIAN AMBASSADOR GIROLAMO MESSERI ON PORTUGUESE SITUATION. EXPRESSO CARRIES AS SEPARATE ITEM PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION OF AMBASSADOR'S ALLEGED REPORT.

2. REPORT PRESENTS BLEAK IMPRESSION OF PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE WEEKEND SEP 28 (AND SEP 30 RESIGNATION OF PRES SPINOLA). "IL MONDO" COMMENT ON REPORT, QUOTED BY "EXPRESSO," MAKES POINT THAT PORTUGAL IS BOUND TO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES ABROAD IF VARIOUS FOREIGN AMBASSADORS SHOW THEMSELVES TO BE INCAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING COUNTRY'S DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS, SENDING HOME REPORTS WHICH DISTORT BOTH EVENTS AND FACTS IN ORDER TO FIT THEM TO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS.

3. EXPRESSO NOTES THAT ITALIAN COMMUNIST (PCI) SENATOR PICCIOLI HAS ASKED ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CONFIRM OR UNCLASSIFIED

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DENY REPORT'S AUTHENTICITY, DEMANDING AMBASSADOR'S

REPLACEMENT IN EVENT AUTHENTICITY CONFIRMED. EXPRESSO
ALSO NOTES THAT PCI ORGAN "UNITA" CALLED IN MARCH 1972
FOR AMBASSADOR'S DISMISSAL ON GROUNDS HE HAS SENT "SHAMEFULLY
RACIST" MESSAGE TO ROME AND CHARACTERIZES HIM AS "KNOWN
FOR HIS FAR RIGHTIST IDEAS AND CONSEQUENT POLITICAL EFFORTS."

4. COMMENT: OFFICER FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE, WITHOUT EXACTLY
SAYING SO, CONFIRMED AUTHENTICITY OF REPORT.
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